

Notice of Allowability

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10/519,928

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/9/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-22.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/9/2005
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Eric Grondahl on March 13, 2007.

Claim 23 has been cancelled.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record disclose a treatment process for a mix of materials originating from residues from grinding of consumable articles at the end of their lives into fragmented form comprising mechanical separation by screens, aeraulically separating by gas flow, and grinding one of the fractions.

However, the prior art of record does not disclose or render obvious all of the details of the limitations of independent claim and, in particular, a treatment process for a mix of materials originating from residues from grinding of consumable articles at the end of their lives into fragmented form in accordance with the detailed series of separation process comprising a) mechanically separating by screening to at least

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partly extract the fractions of contaminating mineral materials from the mix of materials, b) aeraulically separating by gas flow the mix of materials originating from step a) from which the mineral materials fraction has been at least partly removed so as to output a first fraction (b1) that includes a fraction of ultra-lightweight or expanded synthetic polymer materials, a second fraction (b2) that includes a fraction of heavy materials and a third fraction (b3) that includes a fraction of synthetic polymer materials to be recovered, in fragmented form varying from a rigid state to a flexible state.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason Y. Pahng whose telephone number is 571 272 4522. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM, Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Banks H. Derris can be reached on 571 272 4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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